

In the Claims

Please replace the claims with the following clean version of the entire set of pending claims, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(i). Cancel all previous versions of any pending claim.

A marked-up version showing amendments to any claims being changed is provided in one or more accompanying pages separate from this amendment in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(ii). Any claim not accompanied by a marked-up version has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version, except that marked-up versions are not being supplied for any added claim or canceled claim.

CLAIMS

All pending claims are canceled, which includes 7, 8a, 8b and 9-21. ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

Please add the following new claims:

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22. (New) A garment, in particular an undergarment, for persons in military and civil defense services, comprising a first nonwoven of natural fibers or synthetic fibers, a second nonwoven of natural or synthetic fibers and discrete flakes of expanded graphite as a flame-retardant material, which are applied to at least one of the surfaces of the two nonwovens, and wherein a membrane permeable to water vapor and air is arranged between one of the two nonwovens and the flakes of expanded graphite.

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23. (New) The garment as claimed in claim 22, wherein polyester fibers are provided as the first nonwoven.

24. (New) The garment as claimed in claim 22, wherein the second nonwoven consists of polyester.

25. (New) The garment as claimed in claim 22, wherein the second nonwoven consists of polyamide.

26. (New) The garment as claimed in claim 22, wherein the flakes of expanded graphite are distributed in a layer of hot-melt adhesive.

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27. (New) The garment as claimed in claim 26, wherein the two nonwovens and the flakes of expanded graphite are bonded together by the layer of hot-melt adhesive to form a three-layer laminate.

28. (New) The garment as claimed in claim 26, further comprising a membrane and wherein the second nonwoven is bonded to the membrane by means of the layer of hot-melt adhesive with the expanded graphite, while the membrane is bonded to the first nonwoven by means of spots of adhesive.

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29. (New) A flame retardant garment component, comprising:

a first nonwoven;

a second nonwoven;

discrete flakes of expanded graphite as a flame-retardant material,
applied to at least one of the nonwovens;

wherein the flakes of expanded graphite are distributed in a layer of
hot-melt adhesive between the first and second nonwovens.

30. (New) The garment as claimed in claim 29, further comprising a
membrane and wherein the second nonwoven is bonded to the membrane by
means of the layer of hot-melt adhesive with the expanded graphite, and wherein
the membrane is bonded to the first nonwoven by means of spots of adhesive.